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1. [REDACTED] President Peron and his wife visited the Papal Nuncio, Msgr. Chimento, shortly after the death of the Archbishop of La Plata, Msgr. Fietta, and expressed their desire to see Virgilio Filippo chosen to fill the vacancy.
2. Father Filippo, a priest in Blengrano, is the author of various anti-democratic works. He was one of the first clerics to declare himself openly, from the pulpit and in pamphlets, in favor of Peron. During the war, he spoke against the Allies, and does not hide his hatred for the United States.
3. Msgr. Fietta pointed out to Peron that Father Filippo had made himself conspicuous through his recent public actions. He suggested that it would be compromising to include his name in the list of three candidates which are by custom submitted to the Vatican.
4. Peron insisted that he wished Filippo to be Archbishop. In view of the possibility that the Vatican might not select him for the vacancy, the President objected to presenting the list to Rome. Peron indicated that he would not agree to submitting the list until he was assured his candidate would be preferred.

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